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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA

REF: TOKYO 2660

1. APPRECIATE EMBOFF HANDLING OF KOBAYASHI APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL. DEPARTMENT PREFERS TO KEEP FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO CORE GROUP MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MARCH 8.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM FONOFF UN POLITICAL DIRECTOR KOBAYASHI THAT US-ROK BILATERAL TALKS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN PREPARATION FOR CORE GROUP MEETING IN NEW YORK DO NOT PRECLUDE PRIOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE AND OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS.

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3. DURING CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN

FEB 24, JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR KURIYAMA RAISED QUESTION OF BILATERAL TALKS IN TOKYO BEFORE CORE GROUP MEETING. HE SAID THAT JAPANESE FONOFF FEELS THAT ROKG IS INCLINED TO SEEK NEW APPROACH TO UNGA THIS YEAR, AND MAY EVEN BE WILLING TO LEAVE THE FIELD OF BATTLE TO THE NORTH.

4. KURIYAMA FURTHER NOTED THAT THERE IS NO CONSENSUS IN

TOKYO ON HOW TO REACT TO SUCH A ROKG ATTITUDE AND WONDERED IF THE USG WOULD ENCOURAGE ROKG TO AVOID A CONTEST OR IF WE WOULD URGE A TRADITIONAL APPROACH WITH SUBMISSION OF A RESOLUTION IN OUR FAVOR.

5. GLEYSTEN REPLIED THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SOUNDING OUT ROKG ATTITUDES BEFORE WE ENTER THE CORE GROUP MEETING, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE ARE AWARE OF RATHER NEGATIVE KOREAN VIEWS AT THIS POINT. HE SAID THAT WE ENVISAGE CORE GROUP MEETING AS A FORUM TO EDUCATE PARTIES ON SCOPE OF PROBLEM WE FACE AND TO WORK TOWARD CONSENSUS AS TO WHAT WE SHOULD DO. ACTUAL DECISIONS WOULD FOLLOW LATER.

6. WITH REGARD TO JAPANESE DESIRE TO MEET BILATERALLY IN T TOKYO, GLEYSTEN SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY REVIEW MATTER INFORMALLY WITH US HERE IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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